

**Senate Study Bill 3110 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE  
ON JUDICIARY BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON KREIMAN)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to conducting court hearings by video  
2 conference.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 602.4201, subsection 1, Code Supplement  
2 2009, is amended to read as follows:

3 1. The supreme court may prescribe all rules of pleading,  
4 practice, evidence, and procedure, and the forms of process,  
5 writs, and notices, for all proceedings in all courts of  
6 this state, for the purposes of simplifying the proceedings  
7 and promoting the speedy determination of litigation upon  
8 its merits. The supreme court may also prescribe rules  
9 allowing judicial officers, at the discretion of the judicial  
10 officer, to conduct hearings using video conferencing to meet  
11 statutory in-person requirements. The rules prescribing video  
12 conferencing shall allow a party to make an application to the  
13 court requesting the hearing be in the presence of the judicial  
14 officer.

15 EXPLANATION

16 This bill relates to conducting court hearings by video  
17 conference.

18 Under the bill, the supreme court may prescribe rules  
19 allowing a judicial officer, at the discretion of such officer,  
20 to conduct hearings using video conferencing to meet statutory  
21 in-person requirements. If a judicial officer orders a hearing  
22 by video conferencing, the rules shall allow a party to make an  
23 application requesting the hearing be in the presence of the  
24 judicial officer.